

Light of Christ
Ecumenical Catholic Community
All are Welcome



***Our Mission:** Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Community is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community for all who, following the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, seek compassion, justice and peace in the world. We seek to live our faith through liturgy and prayer, community building and collaboration, study and service.*

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Pentecost
May 28, 2023

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Happenings and announcements

- **Pentecost and 18th anniversary celebration:** Just a quick reminder to **wear some shade of FIRE** and **bring a light** for Pentecost Mass this weekend. Also, make plans to **stay after Mass for a community celebration** with snacks being provided by Parish Council.
- **Memorial Day:** The church office will be closed **Tuesday, May 30**, in observance of Memorial Day. There will not be a scripture reading that day. We will be checking phone messages.
- **Immigration Immersion Trip to El Paso:** Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran are joining together for an immersion trip to El Paso as part of an Immigration Focus Group. This trip will explore the complicated realities of life for our friends at the border through the guidance of Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey. The trip is an immersion. This means it's not a traditional mission trip and it's also not a sightseeing trip.

The trip is not a mission to evangelize or to fix problems in any area. The trip is not focused on the agenda of one political party or another and it's not even about whether immigration is legal or illegal, right or wrong. This immersion trip gives people the ability to see life at the border and learn about immigration in El Paso firsthand--not through the news or through your uncle's opinion at Thanksgiving. The trip will take place **October 6-13** of this year. We have room for 14 people, and fundraising will be part of the preparation.

If you want to learn more about Cristo Rey and programs before committing, please visit their website (<https://iglesiacristorey.wixsite.com/luterana>). **If you're interested in going on the trip, please contact BL's coordinator Cathy G. (cegood47@aol.com) AND Fr. Teri in our church office.** There will also be opportunities to donate supplies for Cristo Rey as well as funds for both trip scholarships and a donation to Cristo Rey programs.

Weekly Events

Saturday (May 28)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

6 pm - 18th anniversary celebration

Tuesday (May 30)

Office closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday (May 31)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (June 1)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

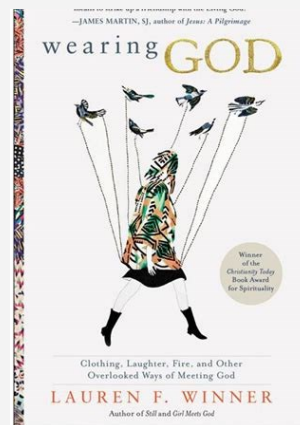
7 pm - Men's Group (Hybrid/Zoom)

Saturday (June 3)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Summer happenings

- **Tuesday tales is back:** Tuesday tales is back for the summer. Each Tuesday evening at **6pm**, starting **June 6th**, Fr. Teri will read a children's book on Facebook Live and share a prayer. Tuesday Tales is for children of all ages to stay connected with Light of Christ. If you don't have Facebook, you can access the videos on the church website the next day. <https://lightofchristecc.org/tuesday-tales/> This program will continue throughout the summer.
- **Vacation Bible School:** VBS is right around the corner, with the youth being led on a journey to explore God's universe. VBS registration is through June **1st** with VBS starting **June 26th**. Additionally, VBS is looking for volunteers to help out. Please contact Gary Knutson at 303-776-3290 for more information.
- **Summer Schedules:** The Prayer Shawl Ministry and Women of the Spirit will not be meeting during the summer. Please join us in the fall as we continue these important ministries.
- **Summer Reading:** We will be taking a break from reading scripture over the summer. Instead, we will be reading and discussing the book "Wearing GOD" by Lauren F. Winner. The book will take us all over scripture. Each person will need to purchase their own copy. Fr. Teri will purchase a copy for those who need assistance. We will individually read a chapter a week and then we will gather on Thursdays at **9AM** to walk and talk about the chapter. Our first 'walk and talk' will be on **Thursday, June 15th at Pella Crossing in Hygiene**



Earth Corner: The Beauty of Nature

Pentecost

Spring has burst into our world bringing colorful and diverse flowers and plants. Everywhere we look we see thriving meadows and hillsides covered with green grasses and wildflowers. The smell of wet earth is tantalizing to gardeners and farmers. Birds hover around in a tireless effort to rebuild nests for newborn chicks. Nature is that familiar and perfect balm after months of winter ice and bitter cold. Added to the arrival of spring is the celebration of Pentecost. Today, the Christian world celebrates the gift of the Spirit in our midst as the fire that sustains and holds us together as a community. We take a moment to offer gratitude for the Spirit and creation's gifts that awaken and renew God's light and love in us.

Here is a prayer to celebrate Spring.

The Beauty of Nature

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
For the wide sky and the blessed sun,
For the salt sea and the running water,
For the everlasting hills
And the never-resting winds,
For trees and the common grass underfoot.
We thank you for our senses
By which we hear the songs of birds,
And see the splendor of the summer fields,
And taste of the autumn fruits,
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,
And smell the breath of the spring.
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
And save our souls from being so blind
That we pass unseeing
When even the common thorn bush
Is aflame with your glory,
O God our creator,
Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

written by *Walter Rauschenbusch*

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Read Robert Frost's [A Prayer in Spring](#)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Linda Moses; Wes Evans;
Sharon Farnsworth; Gina;
Pete Conti; Buelah McMaster;
Mark Cavinee; Michael Degnan;
Sharon Cramer; Marty Campbell,
Max Moriyama

We update our prayer corner monthly. If you or your loved one would like to be included on the corner, please contact the office and we'd be happy to add you.

DAILY READINGS

Please join us on Facebook Live at 10AM on Tuesdays/Thursdays for scripture readings [Link here](#). We are currently reading Esther.

Light of Christ is using the Women's Ordination Council Lectionary for 2023. Please contact the Church Office for a link and information.

STEWARDSHIP

	March	April	Year To Date
Donations	\$11,347.56	\$11,039.56	\$58,639.24
Grocery Cards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$274.52
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$209.30	\$908.75	\$1,137.34
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,547.91
Total Income	\$12,556.86	\$11,948.31	\$62,599.01
Expenses	\$12,834.57	\$14,382.23	\$53,067.83
Balance	\$ (277.71)	\$ (2,433.92)	\$9,531.18

A printed copy of the Light of Christ Bylaws, policies and procedures is available in the Church Office for members to review.

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Scott is John and Dibbie's son-in-law.

Members of Light of Christ or their family members are invited to **purchase ad space here** on the weekly bulletins! Not only does it help out these businesses, but it also helps LOC by bringing in additional funds. For more information, please call the Church Office.

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ASSISTANCE

Prayer Partners: These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words. You can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you.

Home Eucharist Team: If you need Eucharist brought to your home, for any reason, please contact Father Teri and she will coordinate one of our Home Eucharistic Ministers to visit you and bring you Communion.

Rite of Reconciliation: The Rite of Reconciliation is available after Mass or by Appointment. Please contact Father Teri or the Church office for more information.

If you need assistance during this time, there are several resources available in Longmont:

HOPE Longmont, located at:
804 Lincoln St.
Longmont, CO 80501

THE OUR CENTER, located at:
220 Collyer St.
Longmont, CO 80501

THE ROUND PANTRY, located at:
Westview Presbyterian Church
1500 Hover St.
Longmont, CO 80501